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**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hideki MORIGUCHI, et al.

Application No.: 10/587,178

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For:

SURFACE-COATED CUTTING TOOL WITH COATED FILM HAVING STRENGTH

DISTRIBUTION OF COMPRESSIVE STRESS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.